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REMARKS

The Examiner has finalized the restriction requirement so that of Claims 1-11 presented, claims 1-3 have been analyzed for patentability.

Claim 2 and 3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. To overcome the rejection, Applicant has amended the preamble of each claim to recite "The one-way clutch of claim(s)..."

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Iga (USPN 6,302,252 B1).

In reviewing Iga, the reference illustrates in Fig. 4(B) engagement portions containing a recess 54 surrounded by ribs 54c. In comparison, the invention is illustrated in Figs. 4A and 4B and disclosed on page 32 as containing an engagement portion including a guide groove 51d disposed on an axial outer side of the engagement portion and a radial through hole 51e disposed on the axial inner side of the guide groove 51d. As the reference fails to teach these structural features, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to recite the features and overcome the rejection. *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 U.S.P.Q.2d 1051 (Fed. Cir. 1987) ("a claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim" is found in the cited prior art reference).

Moreover, regarding Iga, a radial direction slit is formed in the recess 54 of the engaging portion. However, in the present invention, in the engagement

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portion 51c a radial through hole 51e is formed and is now claimed. As such, the application is in a condition for allowance and a notice thereof is solicited.

Applicant respectfully requests a three month extension of time for responding to the Office Action. The fee of \$1020.00 for the extension is provided for in the charge authorization presented in the PTO Form 2038, Credit Card Payment form, provided herewith.

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In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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